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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back everyone! Most of us aren't currently 'in school', however the fall months often bring that feeling of buckling down after the summer has passed. I hope that you all had an enjoyable few months, got to take a holiday here or there and are now refreshed and recharged for the busy months ahead! After a busy May of recruitment and interviews, we've welcomed the Class of 2011 and just completed the Opening Retreat in Banff. I'm just as excited and eager as they are for the year ahead and as always, the retreat was filled with revelations, insight and learning.

Many thanks to all of the alumni who helped with the recruitment and interviewing of this year's class, as well as the program team for the 2011 class which includes Blythe Butler, Natalie Muyres, Elizabeth Dozois, Chris Hsiung, Marlene Mulligan, Nicole Fricot, Jason Low, Christine Krol, Mariette Sluyter, Anna-Marie Ashton, Nitin Manerikar, Minh Le, Brian Padlewski, Rhonda Patton, Quentin Sinclair and of course Ken Low for yet another great experience in Banff.

UPCOMING LC EVENTS!

[October Book Club Discussion](#)
[Wednesday October 20, 2010](#)
[Volunteer Calgary Library @ 530pm](#)
Leadership Calgary hosts monthly book club discussions that are open to the participants, alumni and the public. These informal sessions are guided by Ken Low and linked to program curriculum. The suggested readings are available on the LC Events page and are not required for participation. Contact rkhanna@volunteercalgary.ab.ca or call 403.231.1402 for more info!

[November Book Club Discussion](#)
[Wednesday November 17, 2010-08-30](#)
[Owl's Nest Bookstore @ 530pm](#)
We have recently entered into an exciting new partnership with the Owl's Nest Bookstore. Located at 815 . 49 Ave SW, this wonderful gem is full of interesting finds. We hope that you'll come by for some great conversation and discover a local treasure.

[Stay tuned for more information about our November Blue Water Workshop!](#)

This edition of the newsletter offers some suggestions to keep in touch with the program and curriculum, provides dates of the upcoming book clubs and workshops and showcases two more of our wonderful alumni. I hope you'll enjoy reading about Steacy Collyer and Diana Ward. If you have any suggestions for content in the newsletter, please contact me. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this edition of the newsletter and hopefully I'll see some of you at our book clubs and workshops!

Warm regards,
Buffy St-Amand

CLASSNOTES

a warm welcome to the 2011 Leadership Calgary participants!

The Class of 2011 took part in the Opening Retreat on September 16-18 in Banff, and here's a photo of the group on the last morning – after a wonderful few days of learning, sharing, and getting to know each other. Thanks everyone!



LEADERSHIP CALGARY ANNUAL REPORT TO COMMUNITY

In case you weren't able to attend the Annual Appreciation Event on June 24th, we've included some highlights from our Report to the Community 2009-2010. If you would like to receive a copy of the report, it will be posted here:

[HTTP://WWW.VOLUNTEERCALGARY.AB.CA/PROGRAMS/ABOUT_US.HTML](http://www.volunteercalgary.ab.ca/programs/about_us.html) or you can request a copy by emailing Roopa at rkhanna@volunteercalgary.ab.ca

- 40 alumni volunteers contributed more than 3000 hours in the 2009-2010 program year
- We hosted 8 book club discussions engaging more than 130 people
- 30 participants in the Class of 2010, 8 Learning Days, 310 Alumni

December Book Club **Wednesday, December 15, 2010** **Volunteer Calgary Library @ 530pm**

Please join us at the Volunteer Calgary Library for the December Book Club. Enjoy a cup of coffee on us and engage in great conversation with current participants and alumni. Bring a friend or anyone you think might be interested in the program.

VC Open House **Early December 2010** **Volunteer Calgary office**

More details to come! Join us in December for some great food, great company and a jolly celebration of this past year!

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ALUMNI PERKS!

- ✓ **Free** attendance to all book clubs!
- ✓ **The Scape** three times a year!
- ✓ **Opportunities** to volunteer
- ✓ **Network** with over 300 alumni!
- ✓ **Discounted rates** for all LC workshops!

...and many more!

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- More than 100 people attended the Annual Recruitment Breakfast at Fort Calgary and about 50 potential participants joined us at the Introductory Workshop at the MacDougall Centre to learn more about the program
- Some of our Leadership Calgary alumni were recognized in the 2009 Avenue Magazine Top 40 Under 40. Congratulations to Dani DeBoice (Class of 2005), Patti Dibski (Class of 2001), DJ Kelly (Class of 2010) and Gena Rotstein (Class of 2007)
- 3 Blue Water workshops were offered during the year, involving more than 50 people. These workshops explored: Imagination, Conscience, Meaning Making, Progress, Sustainability, Decline and Collapse and Working With the Human Venture

LEADERSHIP CALGARY NEWS

6 ways to stay connected with LC

In today's busy world, we often don't have the opportunity to connect with each other. We've put together a list of ways that Leadership Calgary alumni can keep in touch with each other, and the program. Use the one that works best for you, or take advantage of them all!

Workshops

Throughout the program year, we host workshops with material relevant to the program, the changing world around us and how to bridge the gap between the two. These workshops are facilitated by Ken and alumni and provide a window into the class learnings as well as the evolving curriculum of the program as we attempt to navigate 'the scape'. If you're interested in catching up with old classmates, seeing where in the journey the current class is at, or just popping in for a refresher – please join us at one or more of these wonderful learning opportunities.

Book Clubs

Remember your days as a participant in LC? Remember all the books you read, wanted to read or didn't have time to read? Join us for the monthly book club discussions, alternating between the Volunteer Calgary library (2nd floor, 1202 Centre St. SE) or Owl's Nest Bookstore (815 – 49 Ave SW). You don't have to read the books in order to attend, and it's another great opportunity to become involved with the framework, the program and to get connected with fellow alumni! Add to your list of books and find out about new ones you may never have known about.

Mapbook & Handbook

You all received a mapbook when you were accepted into your class of Leadership Calgary. The maps have always been instrumental in explaining the framework, allowing us to see how one idea connects with another and how to piece together what we think we know, with what actually exists. The handbook was created as a narrative to the mapbook and is also helpful in navigating the concepts of the program. If you're interested in keeping up to date with the maps and concepts of the program, we invite you to purchase the latest version of the mapbook, the handbook or both!

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 20, 2010
BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

NOVEMBER 17, 2010
BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

NOVEMBER 2010
BLUE WATER WORKSHOP
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

DECEMBER 15, 2010
BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

DECEMBER 2010
VC OPEN HOUSE

DOSE OF INSPIRATION

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.+
-Mark Twain

VOLUNTEER CALGARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please visit :
www.volunteercalgary.ab.ca/volunteer_opportunities/html
to learn about the many wonderful volunteer opportunities available within Calgary and area !

Our new searchable database allows you to search by area of interest, organization name or type !

If you have any questions about this, or require assistance with your search, please contact Cherie at cboqh@volunteercalgary.ab.ca or (403) 231.1427

Virtual Communication

In our busy lives, there's not always time for face-to-face interactions, and this is where virtual communication becomes useful and effective. Leadership Calgary employs many virtual communication strategies that can be accessed from home, work or even your cell phone!

- 1) *LC Portal* – this is a great arena for sharing information about upcoming events, discussion topics, job postings and articles. The portal was created in 2008 to provide a specific place for participants and alumni to freely share and keep in touch with each other.
- 2) *Wiki* – the Leadership Calgary wiki is available to alumni and current participants and contains all of the maps and valuable resources used during the program both past and present. Here, you will find some of Ken's infamous book list and his brief synopses of various books on the list. There are also categorized by topic and theme. This is an infinitely valuable resource only available to LC program participants and alumni. If you would like access or need assistance with your account, please contact Jason Breti at jason@breti.org
- 3) *Social Media* – in a continuing effort to remain current and connected, we have made strong efforts to develop our social media action plan. We utilize the Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn programs to keep alumni, participants and the public informed about LC's events, book suggestions and program content. Join us today!

PATH FINDING 2 – YEAR TWO OF THE PROGRAM

Path Finding 2 or **PF2** is an Action Studies initiative designed to support Leadership Calgary and Leadership Edmonton alumni who are interested in extending their capacity for human venture research, path finding, guiding, resource development and pioneering applications in different fields of endeavor.

The program will take place from October 2010 – June 2011, meeting one Saturday a month from 9am-4pm with a two day retreat in June.

Ken will lead the program, but there will be opportunities for emerging individual and group interests and initiatives. A high degree of self-authorization will be required to explore and reflect on issues, integrate learning as well as finding and developing resources outside of PF2 meeting time.

Application process:

In the pilot year of the program, the option to participate will be by invitation, based upon demonstrated interest and engagement in human venture path finding and support. The guides and program team members for the 2009, 2010 and 2011 classes will be invited. Other individuals who served earlier and have stayed engaged with the program will also be invited. Anyone not receiving an invitation, but with a strong desire to participate who can demonstrate a continued interest in human venture path development may apply. Acceptance will be contingent upon making a case for inclusion, and available space.

HAVE YOU HEARD WHAT LEADERSHIP CALGARY ALUMNI ARE UP TO?

Adam Legge (Class of 2004) was recently named the President and CEO of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce! Adam has been a prominent figure in the community with his understanding of the economy and the needs of Calgary businesses. We wish him much success in his new role!

Have you heard of any alumni in the community who are doing great things? Let us know, we'd love to recognize them!

STAY CONNECTED !

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Join us on [LinkedIn](#)

We are up to **1134 followers** on Twitter!
We have **159 group** members on Facebook!
We have **154 fans** on Facebook!
We have **60 Alumni** on LinkedIn!

JOIN THE SCAPE MAILING LIST !

Are you on our electronic mailing list?

If not, sign up to receive notices of upcoming events, such as our book club discussions, Blue Water Workshops and other special events!

Contact Roopa Khanna at
rkhanna@volunteercalgary.ab.ca or
403.231.1402 to sign up today!

If you have further questions about the program or would like to receive the program brochure with more detail, please contact Buffy St-Amand at bstamand@volunteercalgary.ab.ca or 403.231.1425.

The deadline to register for Path Finding 2 is **October 8, 2010**

OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE WITH LC

GET Involved!

There are many ways in which you can become involved with Leadership Calgary and contribute to the ongoing development of the program.

Here are some ideas:

- start a signature "alumni event"
- contribute a story to "the scape"
- become a guide, a co-guide or even a mentor guide for next year
- become a sponsor
- assist with recruitment
- be an interviewer as part of the Selection Committee
- speak about your LC experience at various organizations and workplace upon request
- be a host or a guest speaker at our Annual Recruitment Breakfast
- OR create your own opportunity with us

If you would like to know more about the opportunities that you see here or to create your own initiative with us, please contact Buffy directly.

FALL BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

On a chilly fall evening, why not spend some time with a great book? Below are the book club selections made by Ken Low for October, November and December. We hope you'll join us and happy reading!

October Book Club Recommendations:

- "The Bridge at the Edge of the World: Capitalism, the Environment, and Crossing from Crisis to Sustainability" by Gustav Speth; Yale University Press 2009
- "The Long Descent: A Users Guide to the End of the Industrial Age" by John Michael Greer; New Society Publishers, 2008
- "Reinventing Collapse: The Soviet Example and American Prospects" by Dmitry Orlov; New Society Publishers, 2008

November Book Club Recommendations:

- "Resilience Thinking: Sustaining Ecosystems and People in a Changing World" by Brian Walker and David Salt; Island Press, Washington 2006
- "Success Through Failure: The Paradox of Design" by Henry Petroski;

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We thank our generous sponsors for your continued support of the Leadership Calgary Program! Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

We also thank all of the alumni sponsors who have graciously contributed to the program!

A warm thank you to all of the committee members who freely donate their own time to help facilitate, shape and present the curriculum for the LC Program. Your continued dedication is applauded!

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE SCAPE?

As always, we welcome and appreciate your thoughts and suggestions for content within the scape.

Is there a particular topic that you'd like to learn more about? An issue that you'd like to see addressed? A suggestion for a section of the newsletter?

As we continue to fine tune our newsletter, we hope that you . the alumni - are enjoying reading it!

Vintage Books 1992 (first published 1982)

- “To Engineer is Human: The Role of Failure in Successful Design” by Henry Petroski; Vintage Books 1992 (first published 1982)
- “The Logic of Failure: Recognizing and Avoiding Error in Complex Situations” by Dietrich Dorner; Basic Books, New York, 1996 (first published in Germany in 1989)

December Book Club Recommendations:

- “Public Opinion” by Walter Lippman; Nu Vision, 2009 (first published 1921) – and other works by Walter Lippman

PURCHASE A COPY OF THE LEADERSHIP CALGARY MAPBOOK & HANDBOOK

Are you interested in getting an updated copy of the map book or/and handbook. If you are, please email Roopa Khanna at rkhanna@volunteercalgary.ab.ca and indicate your format preference.

Preference:

- Hardcopy of Map Book and Handbook \$100 (book list included, all within a binder)
- Hardcopy of Map Book only \$50
- Hardcopy of Handbook only \$50
- Access fee to PDF file for both the Map Book and Handbook \$50 (book list included)
- Access fee to PDF file for Map Book only \$25
- Access fee to PDF file for Handbook only \$25



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Many of your fellow alumni are contributing to the Human Venture within Calgary and the world! We'd like to celebrate these wonderful achievements by showcasing two of them in each issue of 'The Scape'. In this issue we hope you enjoy learning more about Diana Ward and Steacy Collyer.



Name: Diana Ward

Program Year: LC Class of 2008 (Guide in 2009)

Current Occupation: Internal Communications Manager – Suncor

What are your current Volunteer Engagements?

For the past three or four years I have been a volunteer with the YWCA of Calgary on their Social Issues committee.

What is something you've accomplished in the past year that you're really proud of?

As a fund raiser for the YWCA I spent the night "sleeping homeless." As a lead up to that event I committed to sharing information with friends and family members on why homelessness is different for women than it is for men in our city. I was really proud of how many people supported me financially but also took the time to listen and learn. In fact, one of my colleagues was so moved to action she asked if she could join me for the night and raised over \$3000.00 herself. I am really proud of her.

It was very moving experience spending the night with other community members at the YWCA. Those that were there, left the next morning humbled and appreciative and hopefully moved to action.

Is there a particular quote that continues to inspire you?

It's hard to pick one but I have this statement written down in my note book. I don't know who it is attributed to but it reminds me of my LC year.

It is by determining our ideals, benchmarking them against the best in the human story, and constantly expanding our capacity to live them, that we develop our character skills and transform ourselves.

I also like what Walter Lippman said about thinking: "When all think alike, then no

one is thinking."

It's so easy for us to get trapped in our day-to-day lives, and fall into a pattern of groupthink or become passive and let authorities, the media or television tell us what to think. We have to remind ourselves to think and really we have to teach ourselves and others how to do it. I like this quote because it's an important reminder to question, research and wonder and in some cases be brave enough to stand up.

When you hear the term 'Community Leadership', what are the first 3 words that come to mind?

When I think of true community leadership I think of this: wisdom, discipline and compassion (caring resulting in action).

What is your favourite memory about the LC Program?

I have a hundred favourite memories but I loved the opening and closing retreat. I met the most amazing people in the class, in the books and as a volunteer after. I feel very honoured to be a student of Ken Low's and of this community. We are very lucky to have Ken and the others who dedicate their time and their lives to the human venture.

Leadership Calgary was one of the best things I have ever done in my life. In some ways it exposed me to a brand new world and in others it made me feel like I had come home.

What was the greatest change in your life (professional or personal) after completing the program?

I made some big life changes during the program and after, some planned and others not. Some were in the works before LC. In hindsight, I could have used some of the tools I learned about in the program to make some big decisions but I don't have regrets. These are all life lessons.

Leadership Calgary gave me the ability to think about things differently and question in a better way. In some ways, it calmed me and made me more patient. It helped me know myself better and therefore know others in a differently and hopefully more fully. It also made me hungry to learn more and to keep asking questions. I'm still trying to figure out my way but I'm intrigued by this journey we're all on and I want to know more.

How would you describe Leadership Calgary to someone who has not yet participated?

LC is a journey to discover more about you and the world around you. It gives you a framework for thinking about what it might take to understand the problems humanity faces and what tools and thinking might be applied to build capacity in ourselves, our organizations and others, in order to create the change needed in our communities and beyond.



Name: Steacy Collyer

Program Year: LC Class of 2000

Current Occupation: Executive Director of Calgary Reads

What are your current volunteer engagements?

President, Hope Foundation of Alberta
Calgary Stampede Western Showcase Committee
Chair, Leadership Calgary Wisdom Council

What is something that you have accomplished over the past year that you're really proud of?

I am very excited about the Calgary Reads new, colorful and whimsical identity standards; our incredible new corporate partner, Chevron; and our exciting Strategic Directions which involve growing our programs and partnerships with schools, expanding our mandate to include social messages for the first 2000 days in the life of a child, leading and influencing the community's passion and commitment to children's literacy and striving to escape the non-profit 'starvation cycle' by pursuing excellence in all our operations. Visit our new website at www.calgaryreads.com in a few weeks and you will see that it is refreshed.

Is there a particular quote that continues to inspire you?

'Hope arouses as nothing else can arouse, a passion for the possible.'

-William Sloane Coffin

'Learn to be quiet enough to hear the sound of the genuine within yourself so that you can hear it in others.'

'Marian Wright Edelman

When you hear the term 'community leadership' what are the 3 words that come to mind?

Commitment

Wisdom

Stories

What is your favorite memory of the LC program?

This question causes me to travel into my own memories, listening to others voices while seeing glimpses of images and cherished moments that tug at my heart and mind. Six years of attending opening and closing retreats...snippets of meaning,

humour, heartbreak, insight and stories...the deer who walked the path with me the very first year; the sacredness of sharing artifacts in a circle; the adventure of fording Ghost River together when it was running high; sleeping in the teepees and waking to see Ken in a black balaclava stoking the fire; coming to know my truth; learning and being inspired by so many.

What was the greatest change in your life (professional or personal) after completing the program?

Everything changed...a divorce, another baby daughter, a new home, a different career, deep love...but the most significant change would be a transformed consciousness. I became intrigued by human experience, more curious than judgmental. I began to forgive with grace and fell in love with questions instead of answers. I learned to read maps, swim in blue water and discovered the capacity to see, to feel and to act wisely.

How would you describe Leadership Calgary to someone who has not yet participated?

How would I describe LC? Can it really be described? Usually I say something like... It is an amazing cross sectoral community leadership program that changes people's lives - it will make you wiser but you will have more questions as you seek to understand, you may feel lost even with an abundance of maps but it will strengthen your resolve to 'be the change you wish to see in the world', you will think, learn, care and act like never before. You will meet incredible people who will challenge, support and join you on a most significant venture.

UNCONVENTIONAL THOUGHTS...

Excerpted from a speech by Rhonda Patton – LC Class of 2010 – which was given at the Annual Appreciation Event on June 24, 2010

I was worried that it would be difficult to articulate how I have changed and what my leadership Calgary experience has been to such a large group of people, most of whom I don't know, and in a way that you would all understand. But then I realized that I was not living up to one of my biggest learnings this year – that the only person that I should worry about disappointing is myself.

I thought that the easiest way for me articulate how I have grown over the past year would be through sharing a story.

Every year, on my birthday, my parents have encouraged me to reflect on what I have learned over the past year. Last year, just before I started on my Leadership Calgary journey, I shared that my learning was that I can't control other people, only my reaction to them. I thought that this was a pretty deep learning for my 27th birthday. However, that was before my eyes were opened through Leadership Calgary and I became much wiser, and at the same time, much more ignorant. Since then, I have had a full year of experience with leadership Calgary.

When I signed up for this program I wanted to understand how society influences our decisions, and I wanted to take more risks in my life.

I have learned so much about how our actions are shaped by societal structures this year, but more importantly, how I, and each of us, contribute to the development,

**UNCONVENTIONAL THOUGHTS
CONTRIBUTE TODAY!**

Do you have a Leadership Calgary story to share? Through this section of The Scape; we invite you to submit an article on any topic that pertains to the human venture, leadership and community. These stories are intended to be shared with our alumni and community about how this program is transforming Calgary and our world. If you have something to share, please email Buffy St-Amand at bstamand@volunteercalgary.ab.ca

maintenance and perpetuation of these systems...the systems that form and inform our world. Therefore, we each have the power, ability and responsibility to influence change in the world around us.

My second goal was to take more risks. I can't say that I have taken more risks as a result of Leadership Calgary...YET. But I have learned about how my actions, and our collective actions contribute to the risks that we face as a species. And that we can't afford to learn by trial and error anymore.

Another big change has been my understanding of leadership. Last September, I described leadership as supporting many people to work together to be able to accomplish something. But I had never thought about what we should be working towards. Leadership Calgary has provided me with a framework and tools to really think about what most needs doing and to contemplate what it might take to actually do these things.

So, a year later, this April, I sat down on my birthday to reflect on what I had learned in the past year. This is some of what I wrote:

- The world is the best educational experience.
- Reality and what we perceive as reality are most often different.
- You can learn a lot from collaborating with people who are different from you.
- Deciding what most needs doing and doing it is not easy, but very important.
- There are a ton of great, inspiring non-fiction books out there to read.
- Sometimes someone who you don't initially understand turns out to be a great friend and teacher.
- We don't take enough time to explore and develop our own capabilities, capacities and skills through experience anymore.
- Activism comes in many forms.
- And Finally...Our own actions can inspire others.

I would like to speak a bit to my last point. I have met so many amazing, inspiring people this year through my Leadership Calgary experience: my classmates, my guides, the program committee and the staff at Volunteer Calgary. This community has shown me through example that my own actions can serve as an inspiration to others, as they have each, in their own way, inspired me.



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